

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to provide for a proactive, coordinated process early in the development of public highway projects in an attempt to minimize costs, limit disruption of necessary public and private utility services, and limit or reduce the need for present or future relocation of such utility facilities. The legislation recognizes that the owner of utility facilities must recognize the essential goals and objectives of the public highway agency in proceeding with and completing a project, but provides the opportunity, by early involvement in the process, for the parties to actively seek ways to eliminate costs arising out of the relocation of utility facilities, or, if elimination of such costs is not feasible, to minimize relocation costs to the maximum extent reasonably possible.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the state general funds. It is anticipated that substantial savings may result from the process, not only to the public highway agencies but also to the public users of such utility facilities who will not be burdened with higher than necessary cost of such relocations through increased user fees or rates.

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